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Ketchum Administrative Site, Pumphouse<sup>d</sup>  
(U.S. Forest Service Administrative Site, Building No. 1609)  
Sawtooth National Forest  
117 and 119 River Street  
Ketchum  
Blaine County  
Idaho

~~PHOTOGRAPHS~~

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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**(U. S. FOREST SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE SITE, Building No. 1609)**

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**PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

**A. Physical History**

1. **Date(s) of erection:** Built in calendar year 1933.
2. **Architect:** Unknown.
3. **Original and subsequent owners:** USDA Forest Service, 1933-1992; City of Ketchum, 1992-present.
4. **Bullder, contractor, suppliers:** Sources of funding for the original construction (Anonymous n.d.a and n.d.b) were as follow:

<u>Costs</u>	<u>F.Y. 1934</u>	<u>F.Y. 1935</u>
ECF	\$36.55	\$177.39
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CCC Labor		82.50
Other		34.40
Funds		
Total	\$36.55	\$294.33 [sic]

5. **Original plans and construction:** Non-standard.

6. **Alterations and additlions:** None known.

**B. Historical Context:** About 1935 the water system of the Ketchum Administrative Site was described as follows:

Water for everything except irrigation of lawn and trees is provided from [a] well drilled in 1932. The water for irrigation is purchased from the Ketchum Spring Water Supply Company. The well was drilled to a depth of 84 feet and at the time it was drilled the water had a depth of 40 feet. Delivery of water is by automatic electric pump and pressure tank. Delivery pipes 1" in size layed three feet underground provide water for the dwelling[,] office[,] horse trough[,] and flush toilet in [the central] warehouse. The entire water system is connected with that of the Ketchum Spring Water Supply Company and may be used if the pump should be out of working order. The pipe used for irrigation purposes is 3/4" which is the largest allowed by the Water Company. There is a total of 600 feet of 1" pipe and 900 feet of 3/4" pipe in the entire system.

## **PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION**

### **A. General Statement**

1. **Architectural character:** The structure is typical of Depression-Era Forest Service architecture in the Intermountain Region.
2. **Condition of fabric:** Structurally sound.

### **B. Description of Exterior**

1. **Overall dimensions:** 8' x 8'
2. **Foundations:** Reinforced concrete.
3. **Walls:** Reinforced concrete, 8" thick.
4. **Structural System, framing:** Reinforced concrete.
5. **Porches, stoops, balconies, bulkheads:** None.
6. **Chimneys:** None
7. **Openings:**
  - a. **Doorways and doors:** There are two doorways--one set of double doors, 2' x 8', nearly flush with ground, and one 4' x 4' interior door at bottom of stairs.
  - b. **Windows and shutters:** None.
8. **Roof:**
  - a. **Shape, covering:** The roof is flat, reinforced concrete, just above ground level.
  - b. **Cornice, eaves:** None.
  - c. **Dormers, cupolas, towers:** None.

### **C. Description of Interior**

1. **Floor plans:**
  - a. **Basement:** None.
  - b. **First floor:** None.
  - c. **Second floor:** None.

2. **Stairways:** None.

3. **Flooring:** Unpainted concrete.

4. **Wall and ceiling finish:** Unpainted concrete.

5. **Openings:**

a. **Doorways and doors:** 4' x 4' door at foot of stairs.

b. **Windows:** None.

6. **Decorative features and trim:** None.

7. **Hardware:** None notable.

8. **Mechanical equipment:**

a. **Heating, air conditioning, ventilation:** No heat or air conditioning.

b. **Lighting:** As originally constructed, the Pumphouse had both power outlets and lights.

c. **Plumbing:** As originally constructed, the Pumphouse enclosed an electric motor pump and pressure tank.

#### **D. Site**

1. **General setting and orientation:** This structure is located in the northeast 1/4 of the compound, with its entrance on the south end.

2. **Historic landscape design:** See "Historical Sketch of the Ketchum Administrative Site," above.

3. **Outbuildings:** Seven other structures are a part of this complex. Each is documented separately.

### **III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

A. **Original Architectural Drawings:** None.

B. **Early Views:** None.

C. **Interviews:** None.

#### D. Bibliography

##### 1. Primary and unpublished sources:

Anonymous

n.d.a

"Administrative Site Improvement Plans." [Large binder containing site plans, building descriptions, and photographs from the mid-1930's].

n.d.b

"Administrative Site Improvement Plans." [Same as Anonymous n.d.a, but without photographs and with updated Ketchum building descriptions to 1939].

Berry, Arthur H.

1934

[February 26, 1934 letter to Forest Supervisor describing construction of "Ketchum R. S. pump-house"].

##### 2. Secondary and published sources: None.

E. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Local newspapers, National Archives.

F. Supplemental Material: None.

#### IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

##### A. Purpose of Documentation

1. The Forest Service exchanged this property out of federal ownership on October 30, 1992. As no restrictive covenants were included, mitigation by HABS documentation is appropriate.

##### B. Report Preparation

2. Richard T. Malouf, Forest Archaeologist, Sawtooth National Forest, prepared the narrative and drawings September-October, 1992. Eva Jenkins, Weber State Archaeological Laboratory, prepared the photographs in June, 1989.